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One thousand additional volunteers will be sent to Belgian forces in Germany. Steps are being taken to increase the recruitment of NATO volunteers for units in Germany. The Government will also facilitate the extension of military service by re-enlistment of volunteers for three months or six months.

In the Air Force an increase will be made in the aircraft-crew ratio. Under cover of an "exercise" the Air Force has deployed certain air squadrons with a view to greater dispersal on airfields and to thus increase their protection. The air control and reporting service will shortly be put on a 24-hour basis.

The Government has increased by five billion francs its defense expenditure ceiling for 1962. In addition the Government is studying an increase in its extraordinary budget in the order of five hundred million francs with a view to building up its war reserves, particularly in tanks, communications and ammunition.

CANADA

The Canadian forces in Europe will receive 2,000 additional men. This will increase the strength of the Canadian brigade in Europe as well as the Air Division in Europe. Reinforcements in Canada for the brigade group in Europe will be increased by 1,500 men. An additional 15,000 troops will be recruited as regulars, and the Government will train additional militia forces particularly for Civil Defense work.

DENMARK

The Danish Air Force control and reporting units have been put on a 24-hour operation.

The Government is asking for an additional appropriation of \$11,000,000 for additional equipment.

To the extent possible, Denmark will make preparations which can be achieved in a short time, to include the recalling of reserves and extending tours of those presently on active duty in order to achieve the required manning level.

FRANCE

One Army division has been returned to France from Algeria; a second division is currently being returned. These are being re-trained for war in Europe. The Government is considering bringing home later three more units to strengthen its

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forces in Europe.

An additional 10,000 men have been sent to French units in Germany.

The service brigade battalions in Germany have been strengthened. Tanks and anti-tank weapons are being sent to French forces in Germany.

The French tactical Air Force and the home air defense units are being put on a 24-hour basis. Two squadrons of Mirage IIC, all-weather interceptor aircraft, are being activated and an additional two squadrons are to be converted to all-weather fighters, starting October 1, 1961.

Fifteen F100 aircraft are being added to France's SHAPE forces.

GERMANY

The Army is building up by end-1961 to a war strength of 90% for its nine divisions.

During 1962 the Army will add two divisional headquarters and four brigades.

The Government has decided to hold in service its volunteers with limited periods of service and to retain conscripts for an additional three months.

The German Air Force will, by end-1961, raise to a limited combat ready status 16 squadrons with 351 aircraft. By end-1962 this number will be brought up to 27 squadrons with 528 aircraft.

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The German Navy will, by end-1961, phase forward to Category A (combat ready at 48 hours notice) 6 destroyers and 10 fast patrol boats. Additional units will be phased forward later in 1961 and during 1962.

The Army has taken measures to bring the equipment of units up to full TO & E figures, particularly in modern equipment. The Army will also increase war reserves to a minimum of 30 days in accordance with SHAPE directives and to insure their deployment under tactical aspects.

GREECE

In order to raise the manning level of its Army M-day units to 80%, the Government plans to defer the release of draftees who are due to be released in October 1961.

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9,800 reserve officers and men will be called up for training by stages starting October 1961. They are to strengthen the manpower of Army units.

The Greek Air Force has completed the conversion of one attack squadron to strike role as requested by SACEUR. The Air Force will be ready to convert a second attack squadron to strike role by summer 1962. Efforts are being made to increase the present (82%) combat ready rate of the Air Force.

Additionally Greece has decided to build up an infantry division in the Thrace Sector. This will be completed by the end of 1961. Frontier units have been reinforced.

Greece looks to MAP for required additional equipment and stocks.

ITALY

To raise by January 1, 1962 its force levels of Army M-day units, the Italian Government has decided to call up on 15 October 1961 about 24,000 reservists for a period of at least 60 days.

As a permanent measure to raise force levels of major M-day and first echelon units and support units, the Government will call up about 50,000 recruits from each class above the normal number. The measure will begin 1 November 1961 and will be continued with calls of successive echelons so that the increase forecast will be completely obtained before end of 1962.

The number of career military will be increased particularly to obtain specialists.

The Navy will accelerate training of missile units on the missile cruiser Garibaldi so as to transfer it to Category A.

The Air Force will meet personnel requirements before the end of 1962 using an increase of conscripts and increases in career officers and specialists.

The percentage of combat ready air crews is 80% and will be increased.

LUXEMBOURG

The Government intends to increase its efforts toward the build up of the new Luxembourg contribution to NATO in M-day 105MM artillery battalion.

THE NETHERLANDS

The Government plans to station one brigade in Germany at least on a temporary basis. This step is in advance of the Government's original plans to do so much later.

The Air Force will retain until April 1, 1962, four Hunter squadrons which had been planned to be phased out for replacement by more modern aircraft now in production.

The Government plans to raise manning levels of M-day units to 90% of war authorized strength by extending the period of military service from 18 to 20 months for soldiers and from 21 to 22 months for officers, NCOs and technicians. This will meet by November 1, 1961 the manning level required by SACEUR.

The Government is prepared to recall if necessary military personnel who are at present on so-called short-leave after having completed period of first service. This measure can be implemented within 24 hours.

NORWAY

The manning level of M-day Army units has been raised from 61% to 74% and the manning level of first echelon units has been raised from 20% to 23% as an average for the whole country.

Two additional navy patrol boats will be phased forward to Category A during 1962.

Twenty million kroner has been re-allocated from the 1961 budget and will be used for procurement of equipment and supplies, to improve protection and dispersal for Air Force airfields, and to increase the efficiency and security of the radio link system in North Norway.

PORTUGAL

Portugal has stated that national requirements for the armed forces of Portugal are currently very heavy and that no changes can be made at this time.

TURKEY

The manning level of Army M-day divisions has been raised to 91%, except for officers and NCOs.

The planned inactivation of three F-84g squadrons has been delayed. Air control and reporting units will be reinforced to insure 24-hour operation.

Efforts will be made to intensify training of Army corps and division headquarters. The period that ships undergoing overhaul and repair are kept out of service will be reduced to the strict necessary minimum.

Turkey states that other measures relate primarily to logistical requirements which depends on the level of external aid to be extended to Turkey.

UNITED KINGDOM

In order to build up its forces in Germany, the UK has decided:

To supply one surface-to-air missile regiment and two light AA regiments to Germany.

To keep its fighter squadrons in Germany, which the UK had planned to withdraw in 1961.

To add Javelin aircraft to these fighter squadrons.

To earmark one Canberra Recce squadron in the UK for SACEUR as required.

To create a division in the UK, including armor, as reinforcement its forces in Germany.

To keep nuclear bombers at appropriate readiness.

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